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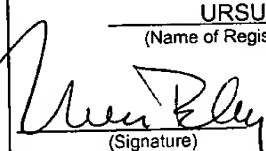
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ARDEN-JACOB

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| In re Application of:                        | )                            | <b>RECEIVED</b><br>MAR 08 2004 |
| JUTTA ARDEN-JACOB et al.                     | )                            |                                |
| Appl. No.: 09/980,531                        | ) Group Art Unit: 1641       |                                |
| Filed: October 26, 2001                      | ) Examiner: Mary E. Ceperley |                                |
| For: NOVEL CARBOPYRONINE<br>FLUORESCENT DYES | )                            |                                |
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**  
dated September 26, 2003

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of September 26, 2003, having a shortened period for response terminating December 26, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by TWO months until February 26, 2004.

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- ☒ Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$246.00 to cover the fee of \$210.00 for a two months extension of time and the fee of \$36.00 for four additional claims in excess of twenty pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: